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SUBJECT Neuhardenburg/Marxwalde Airfield
re Construction Activity & possible concrete runway
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1. On 19 April 1957, the entire Neuhardenburg/Marxwalde Airfield area was completely deserted. Since approximately mid-March 1957, the airfield had been developed to the extent that two heavy perimeter "roadways" had been completed and power cables along the northern edge of the airfield had been laid down. 25X1
2. A heavy "roadway" extended along both the western and northern perimeters of the airfield, the routes being as follows: 25X1
 - a. [redacted] at the junction of Jagens [redacted] LY/SD 25X1
 where initial portions of a series of new "roadways" had been laid out. This "roadway" had been widened by an additional new side strip, giving the "roadway" a uniform width of approximately eight meters. 25X1
 - b. [redacted] a heavy concrete strip approximately 20 cm. thick and approximately six or seven meters wide led eastward [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] and then proceeded in a direct line as far as the main road [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] on the southwestern outskirts of the village of Quappendorf. There was a cleared and levelled strip approximately five or six meters wide adjoining each side of this northern "roadway", giving the impression that it is proposed to widen the concrete strip at a later date.
 - c. [redacted] there was a conspicuous concrete fillet approximately 12 to 15 meters wide extending to a length of approximately 20 meters. 25X1
3. Possible runway excavations observed on 19 April were as follows: 25X1
 - a. Approximately 300 meters south of and parallel to the new northern "roadway" an extensive shallow excavation approximately 80 to 100 meters wide was [redacted] 25X1
 dug. This excavation was approximately 30 cm. deep [redacted] Pegging out of [redacted] 25X1
 the strips extended in both directions, as far as the new westerly "roadway" and [redacted] 25X1
 to within approximately 50 meters north of the road junction [redacted] There were indications, such as initial levelling, etc, that this excavation will eventually extend approximately 100 meters beyond the east side of this former main road.

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- b. A shorter strip was marked out and partially excavated [redacted] leading off approximately southeastward in the direction of an old concrete base covering an area approximately 100 meters by 100 meters, [redacted] alongside of the main road extending between the villages of Neuhardenburg and Quappendorf. 25X1
- c. A row of temporary contractors' heavy electric lamps surmounting a series of rough wooden masts extended along the northern side of both the northern "roadway" and the main approximately east-west excavation. A further series of poles extended along part of the newly pegged-out strip which proceeded approximately southeastward from the main east-west excavation. 25X1
- d. A battery of three heavy concrete mixers at the terminus of the small network of light-gauge railway trucks was located [redacted] 25X1
- e. A group of three heavy tractors was located near the derelict farm buildings [redacted] where a large wooden barracks hut had been erected. 25X1
- f. Some of the spoil from the main excavation had been dumped [redacted] where two large artificial mounds approximately 15 meters in height had been set up. 25X1
4. Miscellaneous features observed on 19 April were as follows: 25X1
- a. [redacted] there was a concrete base, measuring approximately 50 meters by 20 meters. On this base there was a dump of 13 heavy steel girders, approximately 8 or 10 meters high. 25X1
- b. [redacted] there were the foundations for a new surface brick building covering approximately 30 meters by 30 meters. A large dump of standard domestic bricks was dumped alongside of this new building. 25X1
- c. [redacted] approximately midway between the southwestern corner of the village of Quappendorf and the two previously mentioned artificial mounds, a permanent brick-built surface transformer had been erected. A heavy underground power cable lay, uncovered, in a shallow trench which extended westward along the northern side of the new northern "roadway". The laying of this cable was as yet incomplete and the large cable dump was located [redacted] No trenching could be ascertained beyond this point which would give any indications of the end or ultimate destination of the cable. 25X1
- d. The outer perimeter fencing composed a series of concrete posts approximately 2½ meters in height. The eastern perimeter of this airfield lies approximately 250 to 300 meters beyond the former main road between Neuhardenburg and Quappendorf. There was a sign at each end forbidding the use of this former roadway, but as yet there were no physical check-points nor barriers nor posts preventing the passage of pedestrians or vehicles.
- No
- e. A Soviet Air Force personnel or associated equipment were seen anywhere at or in the vicinity of the airfield.

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